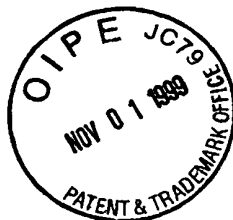


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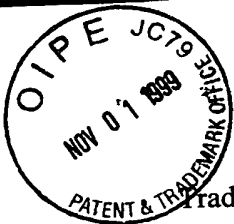
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The reference is as follows:

1. Viikari et al., Bleaching with Enzymes, VTT Biotechnical Laboratory, pgs. 67-69.

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